

PEPTIDES FOR INDUCING CYTOTOXIC T LYMPHOCYTE
RESPONSES TO HEPATITIS B VIRUS

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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Peptides are used to define epitopes that stimulate HLA-restricted cytotoxic T lymphocyte activity against hepatitis B virus antigens. The peptides are derived from regions of HBV envelope, and are particularly useful in treating or preventing HBV infection, including methods for stimulating the immune response of chronically infected individuals to respond to HBV antigens.